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SUBJECT: INCREASED LEVY ON TURKEY PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 53578 AND 32896; STOCKHOLM 1055

(1) EMBASSY REP RELIABLY INFORMED SWEDISH AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD WILL RECOMMEND THAT IMPORT LEVY ON COOKED TURKEY PRODUCTS BE INCREASED ANOTHER ONE KRONA/KILOGRAM (TO 9.18 KR) EFFECTIVE JULY 1. DRAFT OF RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEING GIVEN FINAL REVIEW BY BOARD MEMBERS. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL THEN GO TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHICH WILL INCORPORATE THEM INTO A BILL AND SEND TO PARLIAMENT FOR RATIFICATION. BILL EXPECTED TO REACH PARLIAMENT WITHIN NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS. PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS END OF MAY.

(2) BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN SPITE OF ORAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO FOLLOWING PEOPLE:
UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN SECTION IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (JOINT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE)
HEAD, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL FARM ORGANIZATION
A LEADER IN TURKEY INDUSTRY
SWEDISH IMPORTERS OF US TURKEY

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IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED INFORMALLY IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE PARLIAMENT'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, AND
COMMITTEE'S CHIEF OF STAFF.

(3) ONE SYMPATHETIC MEMBER OF MARKETING BOARD ENCOURAGED USG
TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO GOS AND STATED THAT BOARD
WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECONSIDER IF INSTRUCTED BY MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
POLAND, HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON OTHER MATTERS WHICH BOARD
HAD ACTED ON AND HAD OBTAINED CORRECTION.

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. EMBASSY INVITES INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESENT, AT ITS DISCRE-
TION, A FORMAL NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, REVIEWING ABOVE AND
RESTATING USG'S POSITION;

B. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO
SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVELS.
BELIEVE GOS EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON MAY BE MORE
SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS THIS QUESTION THAN ARE
GOS OFFICIALS HERE.

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